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SUBJECT: Excerpts from lettr of Benjamin & Aug. Popa re Radescu's Meeting and Activities in Paris.
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"Activity in the Radescu group is intense. Following Tillea's arrival here, a Secretariat for Europe was formed: L. Constantinescu, Furlugeanu, under the direction of Tillea. Returning immediately to London, Tillea began to send out membership invitations. At Paris, pressure was exerted on the Rumanian Association to make it join the Union. Thus, P. Sergiescu was invited, and offered 300 thousand francs to join the Association of Professors. He called for a meeting on Friday to discuss the matter. Likewise, the Association of Journalists was also invited, but refused. The president (Dr. Sonea) and the secretary (Popescu) were asked by Gen. Radescu to call a general meeting of the Students' Association and to have it hold an open vote for membership, and reminding them that the scholarships would be discontinued if there were a "no" vote, which would be interpreted as a lack of patriotism on the part of the students. On December 5, there will be a general assembly of students. It is difficult to forecast the outcome since the miserable situation of many would impede them from doing anything that might cost them their scholarships, while, on the other hand, we know what a majority of the Iron Guard element will do in regard to Radescu's activity.

"During the past ten days, Radescu called together all the known emigrant countrymen, and indicated to them their obligation to join the Union, and he described it as being a non-political body, seeking only harmony and unity in regard to emmigration. Thirty persons met yesterday at Rautu's apartment in ameeting called by Radescu. Radescu read a letter from Cafencu and an appeal which is to be broadcast by London and New York. The appeal is based on an idealistic theme. Radescu proposed that those present, and others, especially former diplomats, statesmen, functionaries, professors, student and labor representatives, sign the appeal after him. Banal comments were spoken by Marinescu, Ciotori, Badarau, Berescu, etc. At the end, a statement was prepared and was signed by those present. Only Dianu signed with the reservation that he is for the Union of Rumanians, but as yet, does not recognize the organization. Radescu yesterday also announced the publication of his newspaper, printed in two languages in Europe, and one edition for America.

Cafencu's letter above spoke of belonging to the Union and paid homage to Radescu. But, as to the appeal and the reaction of the public, comment should be delayed until the time Radescu returns to America, where he can be advised by other friends and can inform the State Department."

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Sonea: Raportat actual. Paris, France

...." Evolutia actiunei lui Radescu se urmeaza intens. Dupa venirea lui Tilea aci, s'a instituit un Secretariat pentru Europa : L. Constantinescu, Furlugeanu, sub directivele lui Tilea. Intorcandu-se imediat la Londra, a emis invitatiile de adeziune. La Paris, a facut presiuni pe langa Asociatiunile Romanesti spre a le face sa adere ca atare, la Uniune. Astfel a fost invitat P.Sergiescu, pentru Asociatia Profesorilor, promitandu-i se suma de 300.000 franci ca subventie. Acesta a convocat pentru Vineri sedinta spre a se discuta propunerea. Deasemeni a fost invitata Asociatiunea Ziaristilor, care, insa, a refuzat. In fine, au fost chemati Presedintele (Dr.Sonea) si Secretarul (Popescu) al Asociatiunei Studentilor, carora Radescu le-a cerut sa convoace Adunarea Generala care, prin vot pe fata, sa se pronunte asupra aderarei, atragandu-le atentiunea ca nu ar concepe continuarea burselor in caz contrar, deoarece studentii ar dovedi lipsa de patriotism. Saptamana viitoare va avea loc Adunarea Generala a Studentilor* E greu de prevazut rezultatul caci mizeria multora ii va impiedica a face un act ce i-ar priva de bursa, iar, pe de alta parte, majoritatea legionarilor a acestei Asociatiunu stim inca ce dispozitii are cu privire la actiunea lui Radescu.

In ultimile zece zile au fost chemati la Radescu aproape toti compatriotii cunoscuti din emigratie, carora le-a aratat datoria de a adera si le-a prezentat Uniunea ca nepolitica, urmarind doar unitatea, armonia si ordinea in actiunea emigratiei. Eri a avut loc o Adunare convocata de Radescu in apartamentul Rautu circa 30 persoane. Radescu a citi o scrisoare a lui Gafencu si un proect de apel ce urmea za a fi lansat Romanilor de pretutindeni si transmis prin radio New York si Londra. Apelul e redactat pe baza ideilor suscitate. Radescu a propus ca cei prezenti si altii, in special fostii diplomati, demnitari, functionari in exil, profesori in exil, reprezentantii studentilor si ai muncitorilor sa semneze alaturi de el. Au luat cuvantul, facand banale observatiuni Marinescu, Ciotori, Badarau, Herescu, etc. La urma s'a redactat un fel de proces-verbal pe care cei prezenti l'au semnat. Singur Dianu a semnat cu rezerva ca el este pentru Uniunea Romanilor dar nu cunoaste inca organizatiunea de fata. Tot eri Radescu a aunutat aparitia ziarului sau in doua limbi in Europa si o editie in America.

Scrisoarea lui Gafencu sus-amintita dadea adeziunea principiala la Uniune si aducea omagii lui Radescu. Dar, in ce priveste apelul si desfasurarea publica a actiunei opina sa se rezerve pentru momentul intoarcerei lui Radescu in America, unde sa se sfatuiasca cu alti prieteni si sa informeze State Department. ....."

* Luarea unei hotarari din partea Asociatiei Studentilor a fost amanata pana la viitoarea Adunare Generala, ce va avea loc la 5 Decembrie.